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Listing and Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) Apparatus for integrating passwords for accessing programming from multiple ~~sources~~ programming providers, the apparatus comprising:
 - a memory for storing a first password associated with a first ~~source of~~ programming provider;
 - removable memory for storing a second password associated with a second ~~source of~~ programming provider;
 - temporary memory for temporarily storing said first password ~~during use to allow access to programming from said first programming provider~~; and
 - means for replacing said first password in said temporary storage with said second password to enable said ~~second password~~ apparatus to allow access to programming from said first and second ~~sources~~ programming providers.
2. (ORIGINAL) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the first and second password each comprise a master password.
3. (ORIGINAL) The apparatus of claim 2 wherein said first password and second password each further comprises a sub-profile password.
4. (ORIGINAL) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said removable memory is a smart card.
5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method ~~for integrating passwords~~ for accessing programming from first and second ~~multiple sources of~~ programming providers in an integrated television system, the method comprising:
 - determining whether an access card is coupled to the integrated television system;

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if said access card is coupled to the integrated television system,
processing a first password ~~if the integrated television system receives an access~~
~~card containing said first password, where said first password enables~~ received
from said access card to access to programming from said multiple sources of first
and second programming providers; and

if said access card is not coupled to the integrated television system,
processing a second password ~~if the integrated television system fails to receive~~
~~the access card to access programming from one of the first and second~~
programming providers.

6. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 4 wherein each of the first and second passwords each comprises a master password.
7. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 6 wherein at least one of the first and second passwords further comprises a sub-profile password.
8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 5 further comprising writing said second password to temporary storage for use when ~~[[an]] the~~ the access card is not ~~received~~ coupled to the integrated television system; and overwriting said second password in temporary storage with said first password when said access card is ~~received~~ coupled to the integrated television system.
9. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 5 further comprising validating said access card before using said first password.
10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus of Claim 1, further comprising:
a first antenna for receiving signals from the first ~~source of~~
programming provider; and,
a second antenna for receiving signals from the second ~~source of~~
programming provider.
11. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of Claim 5, further comprising:

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receiving signals from a first antenna corresponding to a first of said multiple ~~sources of~~ programming providers; and,
receiving signals from a second antenna corresponding to a second of said multiple ~~sources of~~ programming providers.

12. (New) A television apparatus, comprising:
a receiver configurable to receive programming from first and second programming providers;
processing circuits, coupled to the receiver, that process television signals received by the receiver and provide output signals;
an access card interface for receiving an access card;
a controller, coupled to the access card interface, that determines whether the access card is coupled to the access card interface; and
a memory for storing a first password associated with the first programming provider, wherein the controller, upon determining that the access card is not coupled to the access card interface, causes the processing circuits to use the first password to access programming from the first programming provider, and upon determining that the access card is coupled to the access card interface, downloads a second password from the access card and causes the processing circuits to use the second password to access programming from both the first and second programming providers.
13. (New) The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the first and second passwords each comprise a master password.
14. (New) The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the first and second passwords each further comprises a sub-profile password.
15. (New) The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the access card comprises a smart card.

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16. (New) The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the programming associated with the first and second programming providers are received via different types of transmission media.

17. (New) The apparatus of claim 16, wherein programming associated with the first programming provider is received via a cable connection, and programming associated with the second programming provider is received via an over the air transmission.